

**A YELLOW-FORM MALE OF *DELIAS MYSIS MYSIS* (FABRICIUS)
(LEPIDOPTERA: PIERIDAE) FROM NORTHERN QUEENSLAND**

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Abstract

A male *Delias mysis mysis* (Fabricius), with the red hindwing band on the underside replaced by yellow, is reported from northern Queensland and illustrated.

Discussion

Orr and Kitching (2010) noted that at least one female specimen of *Delias mysis mysis* (Fabricius, 1775) was known that had the red pigment of the underside submarginal hindwing band replaced by yellow; they also provided an illustration and a discussion of how this change occurs.

The first known male showing this colour aberration (Fig. 1) is recorded and illustrated here. It bears the label data 'Mourilyan Hbr, nr Innisfail, N. Qld, 18.viii.1971, D. L. Hancock'. The specimen is lodged in the Queensland Museum, Brisbane (QM Reg. No. T190783).



Fig. 1. *Delias mysis mysis*: yellow-banded form from Mourilyan Harbour, Qld.

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